



Capturing Buffett's kind of paradise
Can his magic carry a musical? **A+E**

KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Desmond



Whitehead

Tribune's literary prize winners

Matthew Desmond explores eviction, cause of poverty and Colson Whitehead reinvents the Underground Railroad. **A+E**

#MeToo
Now what?
Life+Style

Sports idiocy that just goes too far

From baseball's unwritten rules to ticket fees, the Tribune looks at 50 of the dumbest things in sports. **Chicago Sports**

Early Edition

Chicago Tribune



QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-TRIBUNE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

Tax bill on GOP's fast track, but flak looms

House plan has party-line backing — and strong foes

By LISA MASCARO
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — House Republicans produced an ambitious proposal to overhaul the tax code, but as lawmakers sift through the pages, sorting out winners and losers, any concerns they might have are being overpowered by the political momentum to deliver on one of President Donald Trump's top priorities.

The legislation is on a fast track to pass in the House in a matter of weeks, despite criticism that it's heavily tilted toward corporations and the wealthy, does little for the middle class and will pile \$1.5 trillion onto the deficit.

Instead, Republicans see in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act an opportunity to salvage their legislative agenda, after limited accomplishments during Trump's first year, and reshape the federal tax code to align with their low-tax, small-government goals.

"I've been around a lot of meetings over the years, and I have not been as encouraged as I am right now," said Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill., a member of the Ways and Means Committee that drafted the bill.

He is appealing to voters back home to look at the entire package, rather than just the loss of mortgage interest and other popular deductions, and counsel-

Turn to **Tax**, Page 33

Proposed tax plan would hit Chicagoland unevenly

For residents with simple income streams and uncomplicated returns, the GOP tax plan could mean a bigger refund. But homeowners in areas with high property taxes and homebuyers could take a hit. **Business**



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kim Fasula was carjacked in June from her Bridgeport garage. Her Jeep SUV was recovered, but her sense of safety is shattered.

Carjacking is surging throughout Chicago

Both trendy and tough areas see spike in violent vehicle thefts that can turn deadly

By JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

Even the slightest noise makes Kim Fasula look nervously over her shoulder, months after she was carjacked at gunpoint in her garage on a summer morning in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood.

She struggled for a time getting behind the wheel of her SUV again and to this day hasn't set foot in her garage or alley,

parking instead on the street. Co-workers at the University of Illinois at Chicago sometimes walk her to her vehicle after work. If she's alone, she hurries to her vehicle, calling her husband on her cellphone to let him know, "I'm walking out now."

"My daughter used my car the night before and that's all I kept thinking was, 'What if it was her?'" said Fasula, a 48-year-old mother of three.

With gun violence garnering unflattering national attention for Chicago, carjackings have quietly gone off the charts as well. While shootings and homicides are largely concentrated in impoverished pockets of the South and West sides, carjackings are occurring throughout the city, including the downtown area, Chicago police statistics show.

Last year Chicago recorded 663 carjackings, nearly double the 339 in 2015 and the most since 2009, according to the Police Department. And the numbers have shot up even further so far this year. Through

Turn to **Carjackings**, Page 14

THE FISH ARE BITING, BUT THEY'RE REALLY (REALLY) SMALL

Microfishing fans hooked on hunt for tiny species

By CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

Gerry Hansell has too many worms. Otherwise, he's well equipped for a lucky weekday afternoon spent fishing — microfishing, to be specific: the art of chasing not trophy bass or trout, but tiny species most fishermen regard as bait, if they regard them at all. Hansell's rod is so small it collapses to fit in a pocket. His

hook? So minuscule as to be nearly invisible. But those worms

He's brought an almost embarrassing surplus, a whole cup of wigglers he retrieved from the back of his fridge, where they've been cooling their heels since a bigger fishing trip in late August. He cracks the lid of the cardboard cup and shrugs. Today he will need only a tiny chunk of flesh to bait his hook. His entire expedition won't require even one whole worm.

Luckily, worms are resilient, and these will go back to the fridge. Meanwhile, Hansell puts on his fishing hat and

crosses the parking lot of a well-tamed north suburban forest preserve, headed for his fishing grounds.

Microfishing, which involves line fishing for species that rarely grow above a few inches in length, some warier and rarer than others, has been slowly attracting a devoted following in the U.S., though it's still a tiny offshoot of the sponsor-hyped juggernaut that is the sport fishing world. There's a healthy concentration of microfishing enthusiasts in Illinois and elsewhere in the



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gerry Hansell's juvenile bluegill catch measures just over a finger joint.

Turn to **Microfishing**, Page 9

TOM SKILLING'S WEATHER



High 60
Low 42

Complete forecast in Nation & World, Page 45

MARIA'S AFTERMATH: Many in Puerto Rico fled the hurricane-ravaged island to stay with families in Chicago. A month later, they have learned the path home may not be straightforward. **Chicagoland**, Page 6

TIME TO FALL BACK: Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.



TRIBUNE EDITORIAL: The adults who lived with Semaj Crosby didn't protect her. DCFS caseworkers didn't save her. But concerned outsiders did speak up. If you suspect child abuse, will you act? **Page 28**

\$3.99 city and suburbs,
\$4.99 elsewhere
170th year No. 309
© Chicago Tribune



7 49485 00002 9



OFFICIAL
WATCH
OF THE NBA.



#ThisIsYourTime

TISSOT CHRONO XL
NEW YORK KNICKS
SPECIAL EDITION.



TISSOT. INNOVATORS BY TRADITION | US.TISSOTSHOP.COM